

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention discloses open reading frames (ORFs) in human genome encoding for novel notch-like polypeptides, and reagents related thereto including variants, mutants and fragments of said polypeptides, as well as ligands and antagonists directed against them. The
5 invention provides methods for identifying and making these molecules, for preparing pharmaceutical compositions containing them, and for using them in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases.